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Lines Worth Remembering.  
That which comes after ever conforms to that which has gone before. — MARCUS AURELIUS.

OPPOSITION TO SUFFRAGET METHODS.  
THE National American Woman's Suffrage association, which has just concluded its national convention at Atlantic City, has reiterated its demand for the "Susan B. Anthony amendment" to the federal constitution, and herein is found one of the principal reasons why so many men who, at heart, are not opposed to equal suffrage, are forced to combat the propaganda because of the illogical means employed for obtaining it.

When we speak of the right of an individual, man or woman, to the ballot we speak of a privilege, not a right, though the terms are almost universally confused. The ballot, in the hands of either a man or woman, is not a natural right. On the contrary, it is a privilege conferred by law. And what the law can give the law can also take away.

But a considerable element of the suffrage advocates, a majority, perhaps, appear determined to force the ballot for women without regard to the means employed. They would tear down the entire structure of state individuality and autonomy in order to achieve their end, taking time afterwards to contemplate the dire consequences of their act.

It is safe to say that the bulk of the male voters of the country do not approve of these methods. At any rate, neither of the platforms of the two great political parties of the nation favors the recognition of this method for extending the franchise to women, though Candidate Hughes has taken the pains, after informed of his nomination, to repudiate his platform in this respect. The consensus of public opinion favors leaving questions of this nature to the several states, to be handled in such manner as each sees fit.

For who has a better right to say who shall be a legal voter in Oklahoma or Kansas than the people of these separate states? Shall the right of franchise in the state of Texas be fixed in conformity to the result of plebiscites in such states as Idaho, Oregon, New York or Maine, thousands of miles distant? If so, this thing we have cherished for so long, called the right of local self-government, is a myth and a delusion. We must stamp it out, root and branch, if we accept the principles of the "Susan B. Anthony amendment."

Local self-government would cease to exist if somebody from the outside could declare what members of a given community should do the governing. And it is because a majority of the people are opposed to the surrender of this right that we are able to find a large and constantly augmenting number of male voters who, while perhaps not enthusiastically advancing the equal suffrage cause, are at least indifferent to its triumph, are determined that it shall not be brought about in this manner.

The statement made Sunday from a local point that blind tigers exist in this city is joyful news to the thrifty who have been unable to locate any such institutions.

COTTON NOW AND THEN.  
IN one of the fifteen-years-ago items in the Times of yesterday we read of Frank Mishak selling a bale of cotton in this city at 7 1/2 cents a pound. In the market reports of the present we read quotations well around 13 cents a pound, or double the value of the 1901 crop.

Since cotton is Oklahoma's leading crop, the gradual advance in the price of this staple spells a lot of riches for planters of this state. The price paid fifteen years ago likely did not represent much of a profit to the grower, but when cotton will bring 15 cents a pound with prospects of a continuance on this basis, the planters of our state observe a silver lining to the clouds which was not in evidence fifteen years ago.

Startling, if true—dispatch from Washington tells us that the date on the new silver dime is in the lower left hand corner. Since when did a circle obtain a corner?

## INVITING THE SHRINERS.

LOCAL Shriners are looking forward to the year when Oklahoma City shall be the host to that splendid body of leaders in the affairs of the nation. The day is coming when this city will be entitled to the annual pilgrimage of the 50,000 or more men who comprise an unusual association of members of the Masonic fraternity.

The observing citizen has noticed that the Shriners make a practice of holding the annual meeting in the city which has the honor of being the home of the imperial potentate. In the course of time Jack Jones of this city, now an officer of the Imperial council, will be advanced to the highest position in Shrinedom. When that time comes Oklahoma City can consistently urge that the Shriners come to the queen city of the southwest.

While several years will elapse before this condition will present itself, it is none too early to put our minds on entertaining the greatest assemblage of which Oklahoma City has had the pleasure of being host. There may be vacancies by death or resignation ahead, or some officials may not desire a promotion, opening the way for Mr. Jones' advancement to the premier position in the order.

We organized last winter for the purpose of obtaining the 1918 convention of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association, planning the work more than two years ahead of the time when the convention will be held. The cities which are successful in being honored with important meetings are the ones that go to work far in advance of the assembling time.

When we look about our own city to ascertain who are Shriners, we find that leaders in all industries are represented. So it is in all of North America, the territory embraced by the organization.

Oklahoma City is anxious to bring the leaders of the nation here for the purpose of showing them the progress made in a city which was in the center of a trackless wilderness little more than a quarter of a century ago. Leading business men and those in the professions in Oklahoma, both city and state, have strong friendships among brother Shriners, and will take a special delight in bringing their Shrine brothers to this state.

Business friendships will be strengthened; new affections will develop and a gathering of the Shriners here will be beneficial to hosts and guests.

And for the entertainment part of the program, Oklahoma can offer new and novel features which will cause the Shriners to ever remember Oklahoma.

It will be possible to offer attractions of more intense interest than other cities have included in their programs, the shooting of a number of oil wells being perhaps the most exciting spectacle which any state affords. Then, we could induce our friends among the Indians to give illustrations of a nature which is foreign to the eastern visitor and which would be emblematic of the lives, industry, pleasures, excitement of the chase and dances which formed a part of the early life of the first settlers of North America and Oklahoma.

A meeting of an advisory nature seems proper right now to survey the situation and arrange to invite the Shriners.

If the bartenders of New York strike on account of sympathy for the striking carmen, who will be left to extend sympathy across the bar?

## THE HOME-GROWN FISH.

PEOPLE in out-of-way places of the earth live on fish, prosper in a primitive fashion, and demonstrate that the high cost of living, which rises to frighten the population of civilized lands, can be successfully combated.

Of course, modern nations do not wish to be limited to a fish diet, but fish are popular in nearly every household, and the state of Oklahoma is planning extensively to urge that land owners develop their own fish instead of buying the canned article which is prepared many miles away.

The thrifty nations are the ones which have the most resources at hand and which are utilized at home. Germany has given us a fine example of how a nation can live within itself. And some of the practices which aided in enriching Germany can well be followed by other nations.

So, as Oklahoma people find out the value of the fish hatcheries which are being established in this state, it is anticipated that many farmers will engage in fish culture on their own land and get the benefits of fresh fish for food just as they obtain fresh eggs any time of the year.

Oklahoma will continue to grow rich in proportion as the people take advantage of the facilities which nature has provided. The development of the home-grown fish industry will point the way to a reduction in the cost of living.

The son of a deceased St. Louis millionaire is to get a large legacy if he does not drink. And in the shadow of log breweries, what a task?

If those Gahagan towns are as hard to take as they are to pronounce, no wonder General Brushoff has been slowed up.

Many of the national guardsmen will be up in the air—army officers are to teach them aviation.

## LUKE M. LUKE --HIS COLUMN Copyright 1916

Improving on Robert Herrick.  
Gather ye lagers while ye may,  
Let not a drink go by,  
For this some state that's wet today  
Tomorrow may be dry.

The Limit.  
"This fellow Smith is a contrary cuss," remarked Brown.  
"He sure is," agreed Jones. "Why, he'd argue with an encyclopedia."

The Candidates.  
"I'm growing very popular," boasted old Mr. Haves.  
"With certain men, I note. But those men couldn't see me if I didn't have a vote."

Correct.  
"And what is your favorite play?" asked Miss Hibrow, when the conversation began to drag.  
"The squeeze," promptly replied Mr. Sporticus.

Huh!  
"Our phrases often make me feel," complained old Mr. Haves.  
"We say a man's blind drunk, and yet we know he's seeing snakes."

Mean Brute.  
"Why is it that women dislike serial stories," asked the Old Fogey.  
"Because they can't tell how they are going to end until they are finished," replied the Grinch.

Advice.  
"Be liberal!" said Uncle Dan.  
"Don't live for self alone. If you're known as a narrow man, you'll not be widely known."

Correct.  
If they would place a war tax on conversation and soak us one-cent per each 100 words we used up most of us would be broke all the time—Luke M. Luke. A cent a thousand would totally cripple the majority of us.—Washing-ton Journal-Republican.

Sure!  
Died Moore of Louisville, wants to know if he can get into one of the poker games in the Club.

Notice.  
When any of the Club members are in Charham, Mass., they should feed at the Mealey House.

Wow!  
We have a place for everything and everything in its place. But what are we gonna do with John Chesseman of Lemon, Ohio?

A City Hick.  
Today I heard another hick. And he wasn't wearing jeans. When speaking of a baseball team, he said they were "chumpskins."

Oh, Joy!  
Cole Brothers & Wood, the Nevada (Mo.) merchants, will supply the Club with fuel this winter.

Our Joe Miller Contest.  
Joe Miller says the oldest joke is the one about the English tailor and the Irish tailor, who were bragging about their ability in the business. Said the Englishman: "Why, I could fit a man merely by seeing him walk down a street." Said the Irishman: "Sure, I could fit him if I saw the street he walked down."

Paradoxes.  
We are ashamed to admit this tale, And yet we have to duck it. A fellow gets a little hole. Before he kicks the bucket, Luke M. Luke.

This story, too, so gray with age, Your riddles may vex. A man gets nothing when at last He passes in his checks. —Memphis Commercial Appeal.

We might get fired for putting this, But still we'd like to note How shrewish even wise guys are. When someone gets their goat, Spokane Spokesman-Review.

Luke M. Luke Says.  
You can't make an old-fashioned woman believe that a bunch of greaves and a flannel rag are not better safeguards against pneumonia than is an open bedroom window.

Speaking of Love Letters, there are few of them that are as well loved as is the capital "L".

If you really want to do something to make other people happy you might start in by minding your own business and letting them alone.

Nature is a mean cuss. Why can't she be more liberal with Dimples and hoot so doggone liberal with Tomples?

There are some married men whose idea of a six-cylinder hypocrite is a Henpecked Husband who is offering Congratulations to a Bride and Groom.

Some things may not be as broad as

## The REPUBLICAN VIEW Edited By The Republican State Committee

### MAINE POINTS THE WAY.

IN the person of Charles W. Fairbanks, the state of Oklahoma today has the honor of entertaining one of the victors of yesterday's election in Maine. At present Maine has a democratic governor and two democratic senators and three democratic congressmen. It was conceded by all parties before the election that yesterday's result in Maine would indicate whether the sentiment of the people of the United States favored four years more of efficient administration of national affairs under the leadership of Charles E. Hughes and Charles W. Fairbanks. The republican candidates for president and vice president both participated actively in the Maine campaign and so did several members of President Wilson's cabinet and numerous democratic United States senators. The state went republican by about 14,000.

The republican candidate for governor was elected. All four of the republican candidates for congress were elected, both of the republican nominees for United States senator and also the republican candidate for governor won out, the majority of the latter being about 14,000.

There is no state in which manliness, courage and genuine Americanism are more respected, and the courageous manner in which Hughes and Fairbanks attacked Mr. Wilson's subservience to political expediency, his betrayal of the principle of arbitration, his "feeble well wishing," his betrayal of Americans remote from home and dependent on their government for protection, appealed tremendously to the Maine audiences.

"I desire the peaceful settlement of all grievances in this country, reasonable consideration of the necessities of each cause. We must never permit any of the processes of the government to be surrendered to the dictates of any power," said Mr. Hughes, addressing an audience at Portland, and he added, "I would rather stand on that principle and be defeated than yield one jot or tittle of it to get into office."

## SIDELIGHTS ON WAR MOVES

SO MANY assertions and denials have been made by the different countries interested in regard to the situation in Rumania that it is not safe to attempt to look forward too far in the Balkan operations.

Celebrations are being held in Sofia because of the Bulgarian successes in winning back that part of Dobruja which was taken from Bulgaria some years ago. Petrograd, on the other hand, reports that the Bulgarians are evacuating their best seaport, Varna, on the Black Sea, twenty miles south of the Rumanian border.

It appears that the combined German-Bulgarian army is twenty-five miles beyond the Rumanian frontier, headed straight for Bucharest. The second fortress on the Danube, Silistria, fell to the invader yesterday. This fort is northeast of Turtakui. Both of these outposts of Bucharest are on the south side of the Danube. The capital will not be in any danger until the invader can force a crossing of this broad river. Indications are that the central powers are going to let Transylvania go and suffer some reverses in other Balkan theaters in order to do their best to give Rumania a whipping for joining the entente.

We are likely to find that the British offensive on the right flank of the Saloniki front, along the Struma river, is an attempt to relieve the pressure on the Rumanians in Dobruja. The British stroke is toward the Bulgaria border in the direction of Seres, through Greek Macedonia which Bulgaria has occupied in the last month.

The most important success of the Rumanians in the last week was the capture of Orsova, on the Danube just a mile from the Iron Gates. Capture of Orsova cuts one of the best lines of communication between Germany, Bulgaria and Turkey. Most of the munitions shipped to Turkey from Germany were shipped on the Danube. This road is now closed. It is likely that the next fortnight will find a continued effort to advance into Hungary by the extreme left wing of the Rumanian army beyond Orsova. This move will be necessary if the Rumanians are to attempt to cross the Danube and march down through Serbia toward Saloniki.

Unless the wedge that has been driven into Hungary at Orsova is not considerably enlarged, the Rumanian lines of communication would be unsafe. If the Orsova region is cleaned out within a fortnight, we will see an attempt made to span the Danube for the march south.

General Bothmer, by his great retreat from the Stripa to the Zinta Lipa, added much to his reputation in Austria, but if he has definitely checked the Russians before Haliç, his fame soon will be heralded all over the world.

Greece virtually is at war with Germany. The declaration will mean nothing new when it comes. The entente controls the telegraph and railways and emissaries of the Central Powers have been ejected at the will of the allies.

Whenever General Foch says the word, Combes, the biggest objective the allies have yet reached in the battle of the Somme, will fall. The next advance of the French beyond Forest will put them over the national highway from Bapaume to Peronne, and then Peronne's days will be numbered.—W. M. H.

they are long. But it is different with a fat woman.

Some of the Loudest Talkers when they are down town are the married men who are nothing but good listeners when they are at home.

We ran into the Champion Tightwad the other day. He was complaining because the penny is the smallest coin in circulation in this country.

Once in a while you will find a man who never heard of the word "Enough."

Any woman can keep a secret if you will permit her to let a dozen other women help her to keep it.

Somehow or other it always seemed to us that a lawyer has about a hundred more law books than he will ever use.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who wore earrings because he imagined they improved his eyesight?

It is a mean thing to say. But it is a fact that a whole lot of Love Affairs end at the Altar.

We all know that there is a lot of Credit due us. But we'd rather have the Cash.

And, even if the mirror does convince a woman that she isn't beautiful it can't convince her that she hasn't a lovely figure.

What has become of the old-fashioned woman who used to throw her husband's socks out on the back porch before she went to bed at night?

## OLD STORIES IN NEW TYPE From THE TIMES FILES

### Twenty Years Ago.

Miss Frances Burroughs gave a delightful party at her home on Broadway last night.

Roy Stafford of the South McAlester State Capitol, is in the city today.

Dad Jackson returned today from his farm in the Kickapoo country.

Commissioner Concanon came over from Choctaw City today.

### Fifteen Years Ago.

At the meeting of the Bon Ami club last night the following officers were elected: President, Bert Symon; vice president, Harry Robart; secretary, Lee James and treasurer, Laurence Volz.

Public school on Capitol Hill will begin next Monday with two teachers. After the new school house is completed, there will be three teachers.

Mr. John Wells returned today from Colby, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mitchell returned today from a visit in Illinois.

J. R. Cottingham of Guthrie was a prominent figure in the court this morning.

### Ten Years Ago.

Miss Ina Garner returned today from a three weeks' visit to points in southern Kansas.

Claude Richardson, Jr., arrived today to attend the Hoo Hoo convention and will visit relatives while here.

W. P. Campbell, custodian of the Oklahoma Historical society, spent yesterday in Guthrie.

Hon. B. S. McGuire, the statehood champion and candidate to congress from the First district, is in the city today. He has been in Washington to talk in favor of the public auction sale of the pasture lands in Comanche county.

B. W. Key, A. L. McPherson and D. B. Marcum of Woodward are in the city today conferring with eastern capitalists concerning the railroad to be built from this city westward to Woodward.

## HISTORY BITS

### One Hundred Years Ago Today.

1816—A Mexican force occupied Galveston island and organized a government with Don Luis Aury as governor of Texas and Galveston island.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago Today.

1841—An attempt was made to assassinate the Duc d'Angoulême, son of the king of France, on his return from a successful military campaign in Algeria.

### Fifty Years Ago Today.

1866—Dedication and opening of the University of Kansas at Lawrence.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago Today.

1891—Robert T. S. Lowell, noted clergyman, missionary, educator and author, died at Schenectady, N. Y. Born in Boston, October 8, 1816.

### One Year Ago Today in the War.

September 12, 1915—Sofia dispatches reported preparations for mobilization of the Bulgarian army.

### Our Daily Birthday Party.

Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith, prime minister of Great Britain, born in Yorkshire, 64 years ago today.

Sir George H. Preley, acting high commissioner for Canada in London, born at Lebanon, N. H., 59 years ago today.

Most Rev. John Joseph Keane, archbishop of Ciana and formerly of Dubuque, born in County Donegal, Ireland, 77 years ago today.

Florence Kelley, general secretary of the National Consumers' league, born in Philadelphia, 57 years ago today.

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt Jr., son and chief heir of Alfred G. Vanderbilt, who perished in the Lusitania disaster, born 4 years ago today.

"Salvation is free!" exclaimed the evangelist.  
"Huh! I guess you never stacked up against a church fair, did you?" demanded the victim in the back row.

## MUTT AND JEFF—Perhaps Jeff Was Right At That



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